

Emisora di Alabama a pone Aruba riba Black-List

ORANJESTAD (AAN): Un boletin emiti Diaranzon pa Caribbean Net News, ta mostra cu nan a descubri cu un emisora di radio di Alabama a pone Caribe, specialmente Aruba riba black-list y ta recomenda nan oyentenan pa no viaha pa Aruba.

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The fallout from the case of the missing 18-year-old American student in Aruba appears to be widening as The Source 101.1 FM out of Birmingham, Alabama, which features Russ and Dee on its popular 'Morning Show' that serves all of Alabama and Tennessee, is blacklisting the Caribbean and especially Aruba over the way the Aruban police have handled the case of Natalee Holloway who went missing on May 30.

"We are discouraging ev-

eryone from traveling to the Caribbean, and especially to Aruba. Our country may not be perfect, but we are able to solve crimes and thoroughly investigate missing persons with a greater level of expertise," said Russ and Dee from the 'Morning Show' in a letter to *Caribbean Net News*, adding that, "when Americans want to go to the islands we will encourage our thousands of listeners to go to the Hawaiian islands."

Another pressure group, this time out of Oregon, is calling for a complete boycott of Aruba.

"The only appropriate response for the US to make to Aruban authorities is to impose a stringent tourism boycott until a more competent, informative, cooperative investigation into the disappearance, and probable homicide, of Natalee Holloway is instituted," a statement said.

The fallout stems from the

fact that many are of the view that the authorities here are not doing enough to "crack" the case.

Holloway's mother in speaking to the press recently said she would soon begin to think that the authorities are seeking to protect three young men (one the son of a judge-in-waiting) who were last seen with her daughter. Police had earlier said that a confession was made, with one of the suspects leading lawmen to the scene. No arrests were made and the authorities did not comment further on that statement, choosing only to say that they were at a "critical" point in their investigations.

Caribbean Net News has confirmed the presence of a seven-member team of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on the island which has a population of just over 97,000 people.

An FBI source said the organization was invited as ob-

servers and have only been allowed to perform minimal roles.

On Tuesday the authorities launched a new search with police and dog teams searching a certain beachfront. The authorities also made a "sweep" of a mangrove swamp.

Caribbean Net News has also learnt that there is a 'shark's den' on one side of the island and FBI agents have developed an interest in the area. The sharks are re-

portedly fed daily in that location to keep tourists safe on the other side.

The case of the missing teen has brought media houses from all across the globe to Aruba but the authorities are unhappy with the negative publicity the situation has generated as hundreds of visitors have cancelled tours to the island once billed as a Caribbean safe spot.

E articulo a worde skirbi pa Norman 'Gus' Thomas.